

**From:** [Ken Finkelstein - NOAA Federal](#)  
**To:** [Casey, Carolyn](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Bass River Beverly MA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 27, 2019 3:51:41 PM

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No need for me to look it over. Not a very good candidate for a Natural Resource Damage Assment

On Wed, Mar 27, 2019 at 3:07 PM Casey, Carolyn <[Casey.Carolyn@epa.gov](mailto:Casey.Carolyn@epa.gov)> wrote:

Ken, do you plan to look at this or did you decide you did not need to since Stan P and Dave M did the review?

Thanks

Carolyn

-----Original Message-----

From: Ken Finkelstein - NOAA Federal <[ken.finkelstein@noaa.gov](mailto:ken.finkelstein@noaa.gov)>

Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 8:53 AM

To: Casey, Carolyn <[Casey.Carolyn@epa.gov](mailto:Casey.Carolyn@epa.gov)>

Subject: Re: Bass River Beverly MA

Okay thanks. Out of the office this week (conference in New Orleans) preparing for the next furlough. But if Dave did the ERA, without reading I am already in agreement!

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 12, 2019, at 7:14 AM, Casey, Carolyn <[Casey.Carolyn@epa.gov](mailto:Casey.Carolyn@epa.gov)> wrote:

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> Thanks Ken. Attached is a file with just the data and also the entire report. Dave McDonald, with ESAT support, did the review. I also attached our draft comments. It would be great to get your input before I send the comments out.

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> Although we can't require them to do anything without showing that there is a risk, in discussions with Mary, we thought it may be worth suggesting to Stop and Shop that they post it for their own protection. Just an initial thought that we would run by Dan and maybe legal before we asked.

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> Thanks

> Carolyn

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> From: Ken Finkelstein - NOAA Federal <[ken.finkelstein@noaa.gov](mailto:ken.finkelstein@noaa.gov)>

> Sent: Friday, February 08, 2019 3:15 PM

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> Subject: Re: Bass River Beverly MA

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> Hi Carolyn:

> Thanks for the information concerning the Bass River. This is a location I often drive past. I am not aware of any dredging in the Bass River but it is not something that I would likely be contacted about. However, I am curious about the Bass River lead and other metal

concentrations that were used for the ecological risk assessment. I would like to make my own assessment if that is possible. Nevertheless, if there is no ecological or human health risk, why do you need the signs? As for the dredging, Mike Johnson should have an answer for you. The NMFS Habitat office in Gloucester assists in the permitting of such actions.

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> On Thu, Feb 7, 2019 at 11:16 AM Casey, Carolyn

<[Casey.Carolyn@epa.gov](mailto:Casey.Carolyn@epa.gov)<mailto:[Casey.Carolyn@epa.gov](mailto:Casey.Carolyn@epa.gov)>> wrote:

> Hello, My name is Carolyn Casey and I am a RCRA Corrective Project Manager. I am working on the former United Shoe/Cumming Center (181 Elliot St) and Stop & Shop Property in Beverly MA.

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> I had been working with Stop & Shop to sample some slag material and sediments on the banks of the Bass River behind the McDonald's on Elliot St and just upstream from the Bass River Boat Club behind the Stop & Shop.

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> There are some metals but following an ecological risk assessment our recommendations are for no further action. The lead levels and other metals are very unlikely to drive a human health risk either.

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> Ideally, they could rip rap the area and slow the physical and chemical slag breakdown in this tidal area, undercutting of the bank where the material had been placed, and limit direct exposure for trespassers and recreators. We may just ask them to post the chain-link fence we had them put up several years ago ("No trespassing, no fishing or clamming") The fence itself has not prevented access but has no signage.

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> Before I wrap this piece on the site up under RCRA Correction Action,  
> do you have any insight on potential dredging and/or clean-up that may  
> take place in this area of the Bass River? I see an article from 2018  
> but I have not seen anything since.

> [https://www.salemnews.com/news/local\\_news/millions-funding-local-envir-onmental-projects/article\\_4ed948b6-2945-50cf-bccb-5a209f4719bd.html](https://www.salemnews.com/news/local_news/millions-funding-local-envir-onmental-projects/article_4ed948b6-2945-50cf-bccb-5a209f4719bd.html)

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> Mike, I found your name on a letter from 2013 - attached. Our risk assessor suggested I contact Ken Finkelstein from NOAA who is in our Region but then I found your name and thought I'd start here.

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> Thanks in advance for all insight you can provide.

> Carolyn

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